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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIDEYUKI IKEGAMI, et al. ) Examiner: T. Nguyen  
Application No.: 09/215,194 ) Group Art Unit: 2182  
Filed: December 18, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE FORMING )  
APPARATUS AND CONTROL )  
METHOD FOR THE SAME ) September 9, 2002 (Monday)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to Monday, September 9, 2002, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. All claims currently pending in the application, including those not amended, are reproduced below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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